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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: JUD

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S. Bryce
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In re Application of:)
OLIVER JUD et al.)
Appl. No.: 10/032,306) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: December 21, 2001) Examiner: B.C. PANTUCK
For: MICROSURGICAL CUTTING INSTRUMENT CONFIGURED AS SCISSORS)

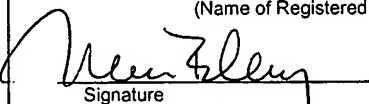
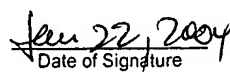
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: